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SUBJ: DEPENDENT TERRITORY OBSERVERS AT LOS CONFERENCE

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1. AT FURTHER DISCUSSION TODAY, AUSTRALIA AGREED, ON BEHALF OF AUSTRALIA, NZ, UK, AND US, TO GIVE AMERASHIGHE A REVISED PARA ON OBSERVER INVITATIONS ALONG LINES REFTEL PARA 2 AND INCLUDING SUBPARA (C) READING "THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS TO ATTEND ANY FUTURE SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE AS AN OBSERVER. AUSTRALIA WILL ALSO BE CONSULTING WITH AFRICANS IN EFFORT TO ENSURE ACCEPTANCE.

2. UN SUGGESTION FOR AN ADDITIONAL PARA INVITING DEPENDENT TERRITORIES GENERALLY TO ATTEND (REFTEL PARA 4) WAS NOT RPT NOT DISCUSSED. SEPARATELY AUSTRALIANS TOLD US THEY ARE OPPOSED TO BRITISH SUGGESTION ON GROUNDS IT CONFIDENTIAL

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INCAPABLE OF GAINING ACCEPTANCE BECAUSE IT IS

"INSUFFICIENTLY ANTI-COLONIAL" IN BOTH CONCEPT AND DRAFTING . LATER MISOFF TOLD UKUN OFFICER DEPARTMENT WOULD PREFER BRITISH NOT MOVE FORWARD ON THEIR SUGGESTION AND NOTED THAT THIS HAD BEEN DISCUSSED DURING A CONVERSATION IN WASHINGTON BY PROF MOORE AND BLOVER OF BRITISH EMB. COMMENT: FACT UKUN REFRAINED FROM DISCUSSING LONDON'S IDEA AT AUSTRALIA-NZ-UK-US MEETING TODAY MAY, HOPEFULLY, THAT LONDON MAY BE HAVING SECOND THOUGHTS.

3. AUSTRALIAN MISOFF SAID HE REGARDS AMERASINGHE PROPOSAL FOR A JULY/AUGUST SESSION AS THE ONLY REALLY DIFFICULT ASPECT OF THE DRAFT LOS RES. HE BELIEVED IT WOULD ENCOUNTER STRONG AFRICAN OPPOSITION ON GROUNDS (A) HARD-PRESSED AFRICAN MINISTRIES CANNOT AFFORD TO SEND EXPERTS TO A SPRING SESSION AND A SUMMER SESSION, AND (B) DECIDING NOW ON, OR EXPLICITLY RESERVING POSSIBILITY OF, A SUMMER SESSION WOULD DISCHARGE SPRING SESSION PARTICIPANTS FROM DEFINITIVE NEGOTIATIONS. HOWEVER, AUSTRALIA SAID IT WOULD EITHER SUPPORT NOR OPPOSE A SUMMER SESSION. IN LATER CONVERSATION UKUN OFFICER STATED CONCERN THAT OPPOSITION TO A SUMMER SESSION MIGHT MAKE IMPOSSIBLE CONCLUSION OF A SUITABLE CONVENTION IN 1975. THERE WOULD BE GREAT RELUCTANCE TO COME TO NEW YORK DURING JULY-AUGUST, AND VENEZUELA WOULD PROBABLY BE WILLING TO HOST A FURTHER SUBSTANTIVE SESSION IN CARACAS ONLY IF GIVEN SOME "GUARANTEE" THAT SUCH A SESSION WOULD END WITH THE SIGNING OF THE NEW CONVENTION.

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